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In re

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"LYSATE CLEARANCE AND NUCLEIC
ACID ISOLATION USING SILANIZED
SILICA MATRICES"

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Sir:

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INDEP. CLAIMS		5	MINUS	5	0	X \$84	0.00
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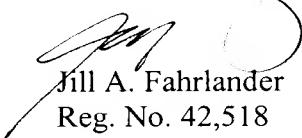
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